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In re Application of

Katsuya NAGAYAMA, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced Application, please amend
the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line After the Title, insert the following paragraph:

Reference to Related Application

This Application is a continuation of International Application No.
PCT/JP00/03411, whose international filing date is May 26, 2000, which in turn claims the
benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 1999-148153, filed May 27, 1999, and Japanese
Patent Application No. 1999-289734, filed October 12, 1999, the disclosures of which
Applications are incorporated by reference herein. The benefit of the filing and priority
dates of the International and Japanese Applications is respectfully requested.

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